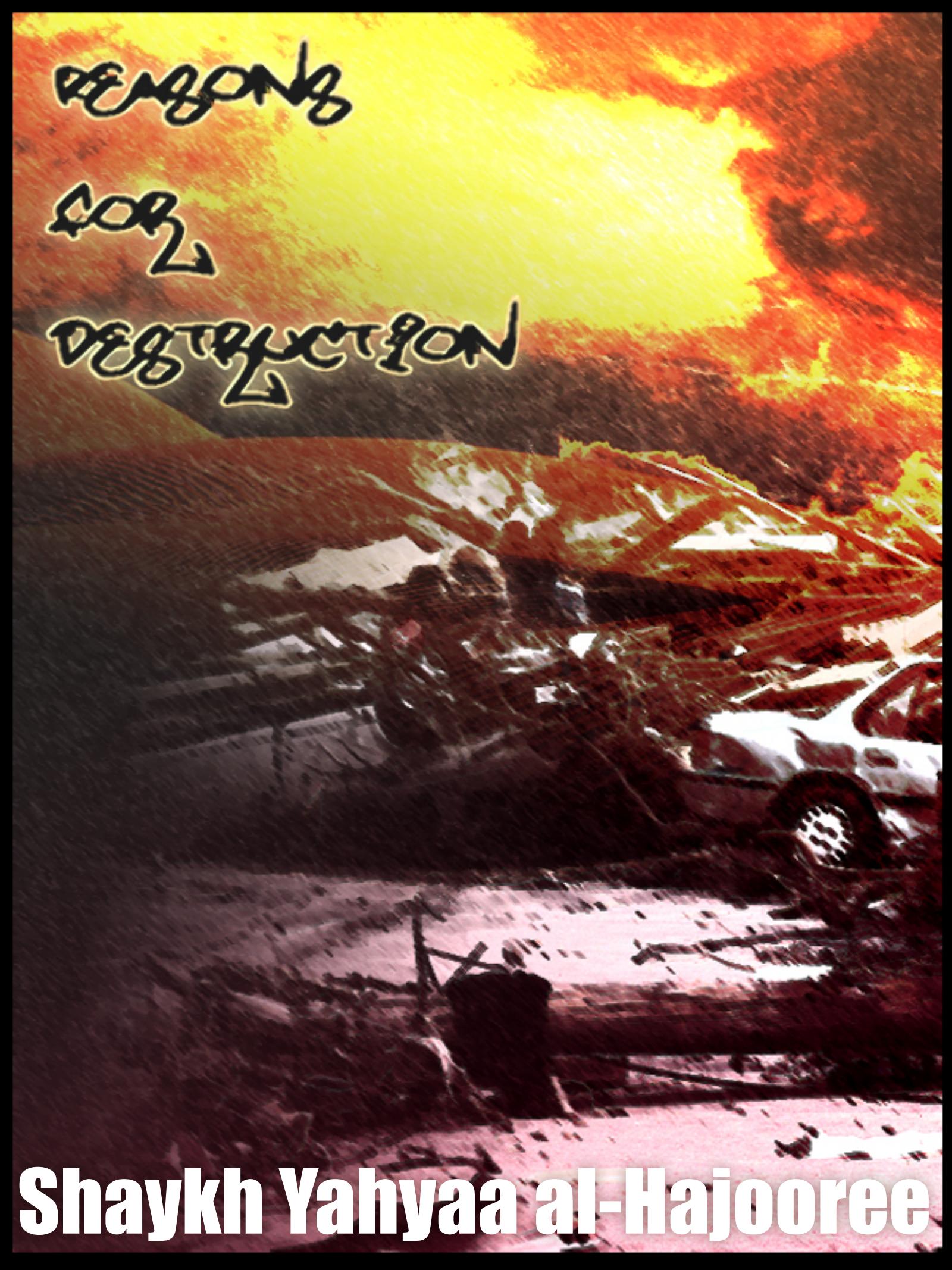


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أسباب المَهْلَكِ

REASONS FOR DESTRUCTION¹

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Indeed, all praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him, we seek His aid, and we ask for His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evil of our actions and from the evil consequences of our actions. Whomever Allaah guides, there is none to misguide and whoever Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allaah and I bear witness that Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allaah.

To proceed:

<يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ نُفَافِتِهِ وَلَا تَمُونُنَ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ>

“O you who have believed, fear Allaah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims (in submission to Him).”

{*Aali-Imraan* (3): 102}

<يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِّنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ
وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَآتَقُوا
اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا>

“O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allaah through whom you ask things from each other, and (respect) the wombs. Indeed Allaah is ever, over you, an

Observer.”

{*an-Nisaa* (4): 1}

<بِيَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا>

<يُصْلِحُ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرُ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا>

“O you who have believed, fear Allaah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will amend for you your deeds and forgive your sins. And whoever obeys Allaah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.”

{*al-Ahzaab* (33): 70-71}

The best speech is the book of Allaah and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*). The worst of affairs are the newly invented matters, for every newly invented matter into the religion is an innovation, and every innovation (into the religion) is misguidance and all misguidance is in the fire, we seek refuge in Allaah from it (the fire).

Then to proceed O servants of Allaah:

From what is known to all people, Muslims and disbelievers, men and women, *jinn* and humans, and from the natural disposition and instincts, is to preserve that which benefits and stay away from that which harms. This is the condition of every people and it is present in the natural disposition. However, many of the people do not know many of the harmful diseases, dangerous illnesses and destructive sicknesses or the indications of these.

Indeed, this topic of ours and this *khutbah* of ours will mention what Allaah has said from the reasons which lead people to destruction.

The reasons for destruction are many, Allaah mentioned in His Book and the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) mentioned in the *sunnah* that from them, and I warn myself and you from them, as is said,

*I knew the evil so as not to fall in it,
Whoever does not know evil from good, will fall into it (i.e. evil).*

The believers have to know about the reasons for destruction, and the reasons for ruin and danger, so as to stay away from them in this life and in the next.

From the reasons for destruction O servants of Allaah is injustice, which has three parts:

1. Injustice between a servant and his Lord
2. Injustice between a servant and his own self,
3. and injustice between a servant and the people.

As for the injustice between a servant and his Lord then this is *shirk* (associating partners in worship) with Allaah, which is the most unjust injustice² as Allaah says:

² Imaam Bin Baaz (*raheemahullaah*) stated in *al-Majallat ul-Buhooth al-Islaamiyyah* (no. 51): “All that takes place from earthquakes and other than that are due to *shirk* and disobedience, as Allaah says: **“And whatever strikes you of disaster – it is for what your hands have earned – but He pardons much.”** {*ash-Shooraa* (42): 30} Allaah said about the past nations: “**So each We seized for his sin; and among them were those upon whom We sent a storm of stones, and among them were those who were seized by the blast (from the sky), and among them were those whom We caused the earth to swallow, and among them were those whom We drowned. And Allaah would not have wronged them, but it was they who were wronging themselves.**” {*al-Ankaboot* (29): 40} therefore, what is obligatory at times of earthquakes and other than that from the signs such as eclipses, powerful

إِنَّ الشُّرُكَ لِظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

“Indeed, shirk is great injustice”

{Luqmaan (31): 13}

The injustice which is between man and his own self, Allaah says:

فَمِنْهُمْ ظَالِمٌ لِنَفْسِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مُّقْتَصِدٌ وَمِنْهُمْ سَايِقٌ بِالخَيْرَاتِ

“...and among them is he who wrongs himself (i.e. sins), and among them is he who is moderate, and among them is he who is foremost in good deeds...”

{al-Faatir (35): 32}

The injustice which is between man and the people, the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said ‘Fear injustice because it is darknesses on the Day of Judgment, until a man accounts for the injustice he done to the people. How many people will come on the Day of Judgement with good deeds like a mountain, yet oppressed a person, spoke ill of a person, spilled the blood of a person and dishonoured a person without a Divinely Legislated reason, (his harm) returning on Islaam and the Muslims. His good deeds will be taken away and his bad deeds will thus encompass him and he will be thrown into the fire.’ The *hadeeth* is in *saheeh muslim* from the Aboo Huraryah (*radi Allaahu anhu*) from the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*).

These types of injustice are three that Allaah has warned us from and has informed us that these are reasons for destruction saying:

winds and floods is *tawba* to Allaah and asking Him for good health and increasing in His remembrance and seeking His forgiveness.” [Translator’s Note]

وَلَقَدْ أَهْلَكَنَا الْفُرُونَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَمَّا ظَلَمُوا وَجَاءُهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ
بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَمَا كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْقَوْمَ الْمُجْرَمِينَ

“And We have already destroyed generations before you when they wronged, and their messengers had come to them with clear proofs, but they were not to believe. Thus do We recompense the criminals.”

{Yoonus (10): 13}

Allaah informed that they were destroyed due to their injustice, as Allaah then says:

تُمْ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ خَلَائِفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ لِنَنْظُرَ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ

“Then We made you successors in the land after them so that We may observe how you will do.”

{Yoonus (10): 14}

So whoever causes injustice his end will be as their end, Allaah also says:

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِرُسُلِهِمْ لَنُخْرِجَنَّكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِنَا أَوْ لَتَعُودُنَّ
فِي مِلَّتِنَا فَأَوْحَى إِلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ لِنَهْلِكَنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ

“And those who disbelieved said to their messengers, “we will surely drive you out of our land, or you must return to our religion.” So their Lord inspired to them, “We will surely destroy the wrongdoers.”

{Ibraaheem (14): 13}

Allaah informed that He will destroy the oppressors and He certainly did it, *Glory be to Him*, “so as to destroy the oppressors” and He will establish the believers from the Prophets and the righteous, and shall bequeath this to

His righteous servants, and He certainly did it, glory to Him. In some cases He destroyed all of them and left the Prophets to remain and preserved the mention of His Prophets and destroyed whoever opposed them and were stubborn towards them. Allaah said:

فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَرْسَلَنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَخْذَنَا الصَّيْحَةَ وَمِنْهُمْ
مَنْ خَسَقَنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَغْرَقَنَا وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيَظْلِمُهُمْ
وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ

“...and among them were those upon whom We sent a storm of stones, and among them were those who were seized by the blast (from the sky), and among them were those whom We caused the earth to swallow, and among them were those whom We drowned. And Allaah would not have wronged them, but it was they who were wronging themselves.”

{al-Ankaboot (29): 40}

So on account of their injustice and oppression Allaah, *glory to Him*, destroyed them and their towns. Allaah said, informing us and making clear to us, the reasons for the destruction of the nations and people, families and individuals, societies and environments, all of that is due to sins and disobedience and due to the injustice that comes from people, whether that be between him and Allaah, between him and the people or between him and his own self:

وَتِلْكَ الْفُرَى أَهْلَكَنَا هُمْ لَمَّا ظَلَمُوا وَجَعَلُنَا لِمَهْلِكَهُمْ مَوْعِدًا

“And those cities – We destroyed them when they wronged, and We made for their destruction an appointed time.”

{al-Kahf (18): 59}

**فَكَأْنَ مِنْ قَرِيْةٍ أَهْلَكَاهَا وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ فَهِيَ خَاوِيْةٌ عَلَى
عُرُوْشِهَا وَبَنْرُ مُعَطَّلَةٌ وَقَصْرٌ مَشِيدٌ**

“And how many a city did We destroy while it was committing wrong – so it is (now) fallen into ruin³ – and (how many) an abandoned well and (how many) a lofty palace.”

{*al-Hajj* (22): 45}

Their wells became destitute and their palaces collapsed, and there is none in their palaces and none to drink from their wells!

Destitute wells and destroyed palaces, destitute from any dwellers as Allaah said about the people of Aad:

<فَتَلَكَ بُيُونُهُمْ خَاوِيْةٌ بِمَا ظَلَمُوا>

“so those are their houses, desolate because of the wrong they had done.”

{*an-Naml* (27): 52}

فَأَصْبَحُوا لَا يُرَى إِلَّا مَسَاكِنُهُمْ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْقَوْمَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ

“...and they became so that nothing was seen (of them) except their dwellings. Thus do We recompense the criminal people.”

{*al-Ahqaaf* (46): 25}

Yes O servants of Allaah! Also from the reasons of destruction is disobedience in the earth, and if Allaah wants to destroy and ruin a land,

³ Or “fallen in upon its roofs”, meaning: after the roofs of its buildings had caved in, the walls collapsed over them.

Allaah will empower in it those who cause corruption and disobedience. As Allaah says:

وَإِذَا أَرَدْنَا أَن نُهْلِكَ قَرْيَةً أَمْرَنَا مُثْرَفِيهَا فَقَسَّوْا فِيهَا فَحَقًّا
عَلَيْهَا الْقَوْلُ فَدَمَرْنَاهَا تَدْمِيرًا

“And when we intended to destroy a city, We command its affluent (to obey Allaah) but they defiantly disobey therein; so the word (i.e. deserved decree) comes into effect upon it, and We destroy it with (complete) destruction.”

{al-Israa (17): 16}

Allaah said to His Prophet Muhammad (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*):

فَاصْبِرْ كَمَا صَبَرَ أُولُوا الْعَزْمِ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلْ لَهُمْ
كَأَنَّهُمْ يَوْمَ يَرَوْنَ مَا يُوعَدُونَ لَمْ يَلْبُسُوا إِلَّا سَاعَةً مِنْ نَهَارٍ
بَلَاغُ فَهَلْ يُهْلِكُ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

“So be patient, (O Muhammad), as were those of determination among the messenger and do not be impatient for them.⁴ It will be – on the day they see that which they are promised – as though they had not remained (in the world)...””

{al-Abqaaf (46): 35}

Who are those who are destroyed? Who is the one who takes himself to destruction? They are the people of sin, transgression and disobedience. And from the reasons for destruction are wasting time with sinful actions,

⁴ Meaning: for Allaah’s punishment of the disbelievers.

wasting time in other than obedience to Allaah, wasting money in matters that are not pleasing to Allaah. Allaah said after mentioning the Prophets:

ثُمَّ صَدَقْنَا هُمُ الْوَعْدَ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُمْ وَمَنْ نَشَاءْ وَأَهْلَكْنَا الْمُسْرِفِينَ

“Then We fulfilled for them the promise, and We saved them and whom We willed and destroyed the transgressors.”

{*al-Anbiyaa* (21): 9}

And from the reasons for destruction are seeking out sinful matters and disobedience and continuing in such sinful matters⁵ as Allaah said:

أَلْمْ يَرَوْا كَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مَنْ مَكَّنَاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَا لَمْ تُمْكِنْ لَكُمْ وَأَرْسَلْنَا السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْهِمْ مُذْرَارًا وَجَعَلْنَا الْأَنْهَارَ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمْ فَأَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَأَنْشَأْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ قَرْنَانِ آخَرِينَ

“Have they not seen how many generations before them We have destroyed that We had established more than how We established you? And We poured out to them rain from the sky in abundance, and made the rivers flow under them. Yet We destroyed them for their sins and created other generations after them.”

{*al-An'aam* (6): 6}

⁵ Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah (*raheemahullaah*) stated in *Miftaah Daar us-Sa'adah*: “From the effects of sins and disobedience are that they cause corruption on the earth and corrupt the seas, winds, cultivation and dwellings, Allaah said: **“Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by (reason of) what the hands of people have earned so He (i.e. Allaah) may let them taste part of (the consequence of) what they have done that perhaps they will return (to righteousness).”** {*ar-Room* (30): 41} when sins are manifest, Allaah manifests the punishment, and from the effects of disobedience in the earth and baseness are earthquakes which annihilate. [TN]

And Allaah says:

إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَيَقُولُونَ
إِنْ هِيَ إِلَّا مَوْتَنَا الْأَوَّلِيٌّ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُنْشَرِينَ
فَأَنُوا يَأْبَائِنَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ
أَهُمْ خَيْرٌ أَمْ قَوْمٌ يُّبَعِّدُونَ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ أَهْلَكَنَا هُمْ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ

“Indeed, these (disbelievers) are saying, “There is not but our first death, and we will not be resurrected. Then bring (back) our forefathers, if you should be truthful.” Are they better or the people of Tubba’ and those before them? We destroyed them, (for) indeed, they were criminals.”

{*ad-Dukhaan* (44): 34-37}

Servants of Allaah! These clear and concise evidences from the Qur'aan inform us of serious news and make clear to us the goal of the clear evidence that the reasons for destruction are what Allaah has mentioned. Injustice, disobedience, sins, corruption, wasting time, wasting money and despairing from the mercy of Allaah has Allaah says:

لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ

“Do not despair of the mercy of Allaah”

{*az-Zumar* (39): 53}

So with all of this, Allaah says to them and seeks from them not to despair of His mercy and that they should return unto Him, repent to Him, as He forgives all sins He is *The Oft-Forgiving, The Most Merciful.*

Undoubtedly, from the reasons for destruction is being distant from the Qur'aan and *Sunnah*, Allaah says:

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَسْتَمْعُ إِلَيْكَ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا خَرَجُوا مِنْ عِنْدِكَ

“And among them, (O Muhammad), are those who listen to you, until
when they depart from you...”

{Muhammad (47): 16}

And Allaah says, making it clear that a reason for destruction is being distant from the Qur'aan and *sunnah*:

>وَهُمْ يَنْهَا نَعْنَهُ وَيَنْأُونَ عَنْهُ وَإِنْ يُهْلِكُونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ<

“And they prevent (others) from him and are (themselves) remote
from him. And they do not destroy except themselves, but they
perceive (it) not.”

{al-An'aam (6): 26}

After mentioning the fate of those who distance themselves from the Qur'aan, He said “**they prevent (others) from him**” and make themselves distant and prevent others from him, this is their doing! His harm returns on him, his transgression and sin returns on him, it returns on account for his actions and doings. And they prevent (others) from the Qur'aan, they prevent and leave off the Qur'aan “**and they destroyed except themselves, but they perceive (it) not.**”

With such an action they think that they are destroying the people and turning the people away!

فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَصَدَّفَ عَنْهَا سَنَجْرِي الَّذِينَ
يَصْدِفُونَ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْدِفُونَ

“Then who is more unjust than one who denies the verses of Allaah and turns away from them? We will recompense those who turn away from Our verses with the worst of punishment for their having turned away.”

{*al-An'aam* (6): 157}

> وَلَا تَتَّخِذُوا أَيْمَانَكُمْ دَخَالًا بَيْنَكُمْ فَتَرَلَ قَدْمٌ بَعْدَ ثُبُوتِهَا
وَتَدْوِقُوا السُّوءَ بِمَا صَدَدْتُمْ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَكُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

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“And do not take your oaths as (means of) deceit between you, lest a foot slip after it was (once) firm, and you would taste evil (in this world) for what (people) you diverted from the way of Allaah,⁶ and you would have a great punishment.”

{*an-Nahl* (16): 94}

All who turn away from the Qur'aan, all who avert from the Qur'aan, all who forbid from the Qur'aan and all who distance themselves from the Qur'aan, thus traverses while upon him is the anger of Allaah, the curse of Allaah and the punishment of Allaah in this life and the next!

لَذِيقُهُمْ عَذَابُ الْخَزْيِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَخْزَى

“...to make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the worldly life; but the punishment of the Hereafter is more disgracing...”

{*Fussilat* (41): 16}

⁶ Referring to those who would be dissuaded from Islaam due to a Muslim's deceit and treachery.

<كَذِلِكَ الْعَذَابُ وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ>

“Such is the punishment (of this world). And the punishment of the Hereafter is greater, if they only knew.”

{*al-Qalam* (68): 33}

<وَلَنْذِيقَهُمْ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَدْنَى دُونَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَكْبَرِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ>

“And We will surely let them taste the nearer punishment short of the greater punishment that perhaps they will return (i.e repent).”

{*as-Sajdah* (32): 21}

By Allaah O servants of Allaah! Verily punishment and ruin, sickness and harm and every calamity that happens in the *dunya* is because of the sins of the servants, and due to their falling into disobeying Allaah.

You have certainly heard and memorised the saying of the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) as is in the two *sabeehs*, the *hadeeth* of Aboo Hurayrah, and many of you memorised this *hadeeth* yesterday, the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said ‘Be content with what I have left you upon or many of you will be destroyed. Those before you were destroyed because they asked too many questions and argued with their Prophets.’

Arguing with the Prophets is destruction! So upon you is the verse from the Qur'aan showing how Allaah destroyed those who differed from their Prophets and stayed away from their Prophets.

Allaah said about Moosaa (*alyhi salaam*):

حَوَّلْنَا إِلَى مُوسَى أَنْ أَسْرِي بِعِبَادِي إِنَّكُمْ مُّتَّبِعُونَ
 فَأَرْسَلَ فِرْعَوْنَ فِي الْمَدَائِنِ حَاسِرِينَ
 إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَشِرْذَمَةٌ قَلِيلُونَ
 وَإِنَّهُمْ لَنَا لَغَائِظُونَ
 وَإِنَّا لِجَمِيعٍ حَادِرُونَ
 فَأَخْرَجْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ جَنَّاتٍ وَعِيُونَ
 وَكُنُوزٍ وَمَقَامٍ كَرِيمٍ
 كَذَلِكَ وَأَوْرَثَنَا هَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ
 فَأَثْبَعْنَاهُمْ مُشْرِقِينَ
 فَلَمَّا تَرَأَى الْجَمْعَانَ قَالَ أَصْحَابُ مُوسَى إِنَّا لَمُذْرَكُونَ
 قَالَ كَلَا إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيِّدُنَا
 فَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى مُوسَى أَنْ اضْرِبْ بَعْصَاكَ الْبَحْرَ فَانفَلَقَ فَكَانَ
 كُلُّ فِرْقٍ كَالْطَّوْدِ الْعَظِيمِ
 وَأَزْلَقْنَا ثُمَّ الْآخَرِينَ
 وَأَنْجَيْنَا مُوسَى وَمَنْ مَعَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ
 ثُمَّ أَغْرَقْنَا الْآخَرِينَ

“And we inspired to Moosaa, “Travel by night with My servants; indeed, you will be pursued.” Then Pharaoh sent among the cities gatherers⁷ (and said), “Indeed, those are but a small band, and indeed, they are enraging us, and indeed, we are a cautious society...”⁸ So We removed them from gardens and springs⁹ and treasures and honourable station,¹⁰ thus – We caused to inherit it the Children of Israel. So they pursued them at sunrise. And when the two companied saw one another, the companions of Moosaa said, “Indeed, we are to be overtaken!” (Moosaa) said, “No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me.”¹¹ Then We inspired to Moosaa, “Strike with your staff the sea,”¹² and it parted, and each portion was like a towering mountain.¹³ And We advanced thereto the other (i.e the pursuers). And We saved Moosaa and those with him, all together.

Then We drowned the others.”

{ash-Shu'araa' (26): 52-66}

Allaah saved Moosaa (*alayhi salaam*) and drowned Pharaoh because he turned away from Moosaa, and wanted the killing of Moosaa (*alayhi salaam*)!

Nooh (*alayhi salaam*) after his people disobeyed him said:

قَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَأَتَبْعَوْا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْدُهُ مَالِهُ وَوَلْدُهُ
إِلَّا خَسَارًا

⁷ To look and prevent the Children of Israa'eel from emigrating.

⁸ In the recital of Hafs 'an Aasim it is “*Haadhiroon*” and in another recitation (Warsh 'an Naafi') “*Hadhiroon*.”

⁹ Meaning from their gardens, rivers and fields.

¹⁰ A noble and elevated station for the elevated, the kings (in the Hereafter).

¹¹ Moosaa (*alayhi salaam*) said this to his people.

¹² (Some may wonder) what can a staff do to the sea?

¹³ Every portion from the waves of the sea was like a clear mountain!

وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا كُبَارًا

وَقَالُوا لَا تَدْرُنَّ الَّهَتَّمْ وَلَا تَدْرُنَّ وَدَّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَعْوَثْ
وَيَعْوَقَ وَنَسْرًا

وَقَدْ أَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَلَا تَزِدُ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا ضَلَالًا

“My Lord, indeed they have disobeyed me and followed him whose wealth and children will not increase him except in loss. And they have conspired an immense conspiracy. And said, ‘Never leave your gods and never leave Wadd or Suwa’ or Yaghoor and Ya’ooq and Nasr.’ And already they have misled many. And, (my Lord), do not increase the wrongdoers except in error.”

{Nooh (71): 21-24}

Then Allaah said after this verse:

مِمَّا خَطِئَتِهِمْ أَغْرِقُوا نَارًا فَأَدْخِلُوا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْصَارًا

“Because of their sins they were drowned and pit into the Fire, and they found not for themselves besides Allaah (any) helpers.”

{Nooh (71): 25}

Due to their disobeying Nooh (*alayhi salaam*) Allaah drowned them, to the extent that the water raise above the mountains and poured forth from the mountains! And it is not possible for anyone to escape and flee from such waters. The son of Nooh wanted to flee from the water saying,

قَالَ سَاوِي إِلَى جَبَلٍ يَعْصِمُنِي مِنَ الْمَاءِ قَالَ لَا عَاصِمَ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ
أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا مَنْ رَحِمَ وَحَالَ بَيْنَهُمَا الْمَوْجُ فَكَانَ مِنَ الْمُعْرَقِينَ

“...I will take refuge on a mountain to protect me from the water.” (Nooh) said, “There is no protector today from the decree of Allaah, except for whom He gives mercy.” And the waves came between them, and he was among the drowned.”

{*Hood (11): 43*}

The waves reached the top of the mountains! Verily, disobedience is what made the waves reach the top of the mountains and usually sea waters do not do that (reach such extents).¹⁴ Only those who were with Nooh (*alayhi salaam*) were saved and only a few believed in him as Allaah said. The story of Nooh (*alayhi salaam*) is in the Qur'aan in the chapters: Shu'araa, Hood and in other chapters of the Qur'aan. Read the Qur'aan O servants of Allaah! Deliberate upon the Qur'aan O servants of Allaah! Know that in the Qur'aan is a cure for what is in the hearts! And that all destruction is due to being distant from the Qur'aan and the *sunnah* of the Prophet (*sallallahu alayhi wassallam*).

Shu'ayb (*alayhi salaam*) came to his people saying “**give full measure**” the crime of the people of Shu'ayb was that they were only decreasing the full measure, they were cheating the people in measure:

أَوْفُوا الْكِيلَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُخْسِرِينَ
وَزِنُوا بِالْقِسْطَاسِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ

¹⁴ Indeed, and this is the reason for the current and regular phenomena of such floods around the world today, as most of them hit areas that were known for the injustice of *shirk*, and were full of disobedience and sin, in some cases justified as '*tourism*.' This explains the regularity of such floods as we have seen with '*Hurricane Rita*', '*Hurricane Katrina*', '*Hurricane Wilma*', *Hurricane Beta*', and the tremendous *Tsunami* that struck south-east Asia and particularly affected the Muslims of Indonesia and killing 200,000 in total. [TN]

وَلَا تَنْخَسُوا النَّاسَ أَشْيَاءِهِمْ وَلَا تَعْنُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ
مُفْسِدِينَ

“Give full measure and do not be of those who cause loss. And weigh with an even (i.e honest) balance. And do not deprive people of their due and do not commit abuse on earth, spreading corruption.”

{ash-Shu'araa' (26): 181 – 183}

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَهُمْ عَذَابٌ يَوْمَ الظُّلَّةِ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ

“And they denied him, so the punishment of the day of the black cloud seized them. Indeed, it was the punishment of a terrible day.”

{ash-Shu'araa' (26): 189}

Ibn Katheer (*rabeemahullaab*) mentioned in his *tafseer* that the punishment of the day of the black cloud that Allaah sent a cloud onto the people of Shu'ayb and rained upon them until it destroyed them.

Loot (*alayhi salaam*) said to his people:

أَتَأْثُونَ الدُّكَارَانَ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ
وَتَدْرُونَ مَا خَلَقَ لَكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ
عَادُونَ

قَالُوا لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهِ يَا لُوطًا لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُخْرَجِينَ

قَالَ إِنِّي لِعَمَلِكُمْ مِنَ الْفَالِيْنَ

رَبِّ نَجْنِي وَأَهْلِي مِمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ

فَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ

إِلَّا عَجُوزًا فِي الْغَايِرِينَ

ثُمَّ دَمَرْنَا الْأَخْرَى

وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطْرًا فَسَاءَ مَطْرُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ

““Do you approach males among the worlds¹⁵ and leave what your Lord has created for you as mates? But you are a people transgressing.” They said, “If you do not desist, O Loot, you will surely be of those evicted.” He said, “Indeed, I am, toward your deed, of those who detest (it). My Lord, save me and my family from (the consequence of) what they do.” So We saved him and his family, all except an old woman¹⁶ among those who remained behind. Then We destroyed the others and We rained upon them a rain (of stones), and evil was the rain of those who were warned.

{*ash-Shu'ara'* (26): 165 – 173}

What was this rain? Water? No! Allaah rained upon them stones of baked clay! And made its high parts the low parts! Allaah raised the earth. Allaah sent Jibraa'eel (*alayhi salaam*) to turn the land on top of them! Until, according to some commentators of the Qur'aan, the angels heard their punishment and the blast in the heavens! This was due to one sin, the sin of homosexuality.

Likewise, the people of 'Aad and you have certainly heard the story when Allaah sent a wind and destroyed them!

¹⁵ Meaning: “Are there, out of all Allaah’s creatures, any besides you who commit this unnatural act?”

¹⁶ The wife of Loot (*alayhi salaam*), as she collaborated with the evildoers.

Thamood likewise, who hamstrung one she-camel saying to Saalih (*alayhi salaam*) “**bring us a sign if you are from the truthful**”, Allaah seized them and destroyed them until the homes of Thamood became ruined. The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said “*Do not enter upon the ruins of those who were destroyed without weeping. If you do not weep then do not enter them, for I fear that what afflicted them would afflict you.*”¹⁷

It is in lowlands, and entering upon such lowlands that were destroyed is not permissible, except for one who weeps as for those who do not weep, it is feared that they will face the punishments of Allaah.

Allaah destroyed such places, “*Be content with what I have left you upon or many of you will be destroyed. Those before you were destroyed because they asked too many questions and argued with their Prophets.*”

To proceed:

After we now know that the reasons for the destruction of the nations, from them the differing with their Prophets, for every nation that argues with its Prophet, is a destroyed! Whoever argues with the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*), this infallible Prophet of mercy and guidance who came with the Divine Legislation to abrogate all of the previous legislations and religions, and likewise whoever seeks other than his Divinely revealed Legislation, and is happy with other than his religion, is from the losers and disbelievers.

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

“This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion.”

{*al-Maa'idah* (5): 3}

¹⁷ The *hadeeth* is agreed upon.

Whoever is pleased with the religion of the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) who came and abrogated all of the previous Divine Legislations:

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيْمِنًا عَلَيْهِ
فَاحْكُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَشْبَعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ

“And We have revealed to you (O Muhammad), the Book (i.e. the Qur'aan) in truth, confirming that which preceded it of the Scripture and as a criterion over it. So judge between them by what Allaah has revealed and do not follow their inclinations away from what has come to you of the truth.”

{al-Maa'idah (5): 48}

Allaah certainly abrogated all of the previous legislations with His Divine Legislation (given to Muhammad, *sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*), so whoever opposes the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) or averts (others) away from the Qur'aan to other legislations, or towards desires, or to vain interests and what is similar to that, has directed himself towards destruction and ruin in this life and the next!

Undoubtedly, O servants of Allaah, a reason for destruction is love of the worldly life. Love of the worldly life and play in the worldly life, as the one who does it directs himself toward destruction. The two Shaykhs (Bukhaaree and Muslim) in their *sabeehs* report from Aboo Hurayrah (*radi Allaahu 'anhu*) and from 'Amr bin 'Awf (*radi Allaahu 'anhu*) that the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) when he received Aboo 'Ubaydah from Bahrayn.

The companions had prayed *fajr* with the Messenger of Allaah and afterwards they approached the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) who said to them: ‘I think that you know that Aboo 'Ubaydah came here

with money from Bahrayn (i.e. the jizya from Bahrayn) from those who were paying the jizya while they were small (in number)." The companions replied "Yes, O Messenger of Allaah." These were the poor, wanting to be given some of that money which Aboo 'Ubaydah came with, and it was maybe the case that one of them couldn't find food to eat or clothes to wear or anything to satiate his child, so why didn't they come to the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) and he was their guardian? Who is more important to the believers than their own selves and more merciful.

بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَوْفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

"...and with the believers is kind and merciful"

{at-Tawbah (9): 128}

He (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) was like a father to them, "*I am to you like a father*" as the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) stated, whoever had a need or needed to be satiated or clothed would go to the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*). The Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said '*I think that you know that Aboo 'Ubaydah came here with money from Bahrayn (i.e. the jizya from Bahrayn) from those who were paying the jizya while they were small (in number).*' The companions replied "Yes," He replied (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) "*Then be happy and hope for that which pleases you., By Allaah I do not fear poverty for you, however I fear for you that the worldly life will be opened up for you, as it was opened up for those before you, then they competed for it, as you compete for it and then you will be destroyed as they were destroyed.*"

Those before us were destroyed due to their searching for the worldly life from the permissible and the impermissible, and this is the reality today. As many of the people today kill, steal, lie, cheat and act treacherously and commit impermissible sexual intercourse, all for the enjoyments of the worldly life. People drink alcohol and do immoral actions and all of this is

for the sake of the worldly life and its delights. They want to remain eternally in the worldly life and relax in the worldly life and they do not know that all of this is a reason for their destruction, punishment and ruin.

From the reasons for destruction are the increase of filthy actions in the worldly life, the increase of disobedience (to Allaah), as it the condition of the people today except whoever Allaah shows mercy to. As all of that is a reason for destruction, ruin and disease, and every evil in this life and the next. Bukhaaree and Muslim reported in their *sabeehs* in the *hadeeth* from Zaynab bint Jahsh (*radi Allaah 'anha*) that the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) got up one night and said "*There is no god worthy of worship except Allaah, woe (destruction) to the Arabs for the evils that has appeared.*" Why did the Prophet (*sallaallaahu alayhi wassallam*) only specify the Arabs? Because they are the ones that are the closest to the Divine Legislation of Allaah and the understanding of the Qur'aan and with that they fell into disobedience. This is as opposed to the non-Arabs who are usually further (from the Divine Legislation). The Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said "*La ilaha il Allaah, woe (destruction) to the Arabs for evil has appeared, Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj have opened up a hole in the barrier like this*" Meaning: Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj are about to emerge and drink the water from the rivers and eat from everything from the world, kill and cause corruption on the earth. "like this" meaning: just like two weeks, and everyday they are trying to penetrate that barrier that Dhu'l-Qarnayn built over them, that blockade that he blocked on them. they dig everyday, but on the next day they return to penetrate the barrier the hole returns to how it was and they have to dig over again, yet if/when they say "*we will return tomorrow inshaa'Allaah to what we were doing*" the hole will remain and they will be able to dig through it until they escape. Their story is well-known in *soorah al-kahf* and its explanation.

Yes O servants of Allaah Zaynab said “*O messenger of Allaah, if they are all destroyed then what of the righteous (are they destroyed too)?*” He (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said “*Yes! If filthy actions have increased and become widespread. Yes, you will be destroyed, ruined and seized, if filth and evil actions have become widespread.*”

From the reasons of destruction is, which I warn myself and you from, is self-admiration and conceit, Imaam Muslim narrated in his *saheeh* in the *hadeeth* from Abee Hurayrah (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) that the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said that people are destroyed due to self-admiration and conceit and not forbidding the evil, the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said “*then Allaah will destroy them*”.

And also *ghuloo* (extremism) and harshness in the *deen* destroys, and may Allaah suppress those who say that the people who stick to the *sunnah* are harsh. They say that those who warn the people from the television, singing, videos, wearing trousers and resembling the *kuffaar*, and call people to stick to the *sunnah* of the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*), some people say **“look, they are extreme!”** Such a person does not know what harshness really is! The understanding being harsh is making obligatory on the people what Allaah has not obligatory, or necessitating people to do things that Allaah has not necessitated. This is the censured harshness, as for the praiseworthy and legislated “harshness” then this is (in the Prophet’s saying, *sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) “*adhere to my sunnah and the sunnah of the rightly guided Caliphs, clinging to it by the molars*” meaning; stick strongly and rigorously to it and hold to it! This is praiseworthy, however the rigorousness and harshness that the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) viewed as blameworthy was that which is mentioned in the two *saheehs* from Anas bin Maalik (*radi Allaahu ‘anhu*) is when a person makes impermissible to eat meat, or when a person says **“I will establish the prayer throughout the night without**

sleeping” or a person says “**I will not marry women**” or anything similar to this in the hadeeth of Anas bin Maalik (*radi Allaah ‘anhu*) which is agreed upon, the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said ‘*By Allaah I do not do this, rather I fast, I sleep, I pray in the night, I sleep, I eat and I marry women. So whoever leaves off my sunnah is not from me.*’ So whoever is stern and harsh, has certainly resembled the Christians:

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَعْلُوْا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقُّ إِنَّمَا^١
الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُ أَقَاهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحُ
مَنْهُ قَامُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَلَا تَقُولُوا ثَلَاثَةٌ انتَهُوا خَيْرًا لَّكُمْ

“O People of the Scripture do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allaah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the Son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allaah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul (created at a command) from Him. So believe in Allaah and His messengers. And do not say, “Three”; desist – it is better for you...”

{an-Nisaa (4): 171}

This is *ghuloo* (extremism), wherein Allaah raised Eesaa (*alayhi salaam*) and they made Eesaa the ‘son of Allaah’ or made him a third of three and when one of them makes an oath he swears by the name of “the father” meaning Allaah and “in the name of the son” meaning; Eesaa (*alayhi salaam*), and “in the holy spirit” meaning for them: Jibraa’eel (*alayhi salaam*). This is real extremism, as for a person holding onto the *sunnah* and the Book (i.e. the Qur'aan) then it cannot be said that such a person is extreme or harsh, only by a person is blind insight and foresight.

Being stern and harsh is a reason for destruction and so is avoiding the establishment of the limits set by Allaah which is mentioned in the two

saheehs in the *hadeeth* of Aa'ishah (*radi Allaahu 'anha*). From the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) who said, when that Makhzoomee woman stole, "The people before you were destroyed because when a weak and poor person stole they would establish the punishment (set by Allaah). Yet when a noble person stole, they left off that person. By Allaah even if Faatimah bint Muhammad stole something for herself, I would cut off her hand."

From the reasons of destruction are flattery, extremism and praise, as in the *hadeeth* in the two *saheehs* from Abee Moosaa (*radi Allaahu 'anha*) from the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said that when a man praises another man in his face, he destroys him.

By Allaah if you heard what the lie of the liars, and the praise of the *bizbees* of each other, they raise a person above their status and position, even if the person is from the innovators. A person will even receive a Shaykh of the innovators or an innovator for a quarter of an hour mentioning his status, virtues etc. What virtues does an innovator have?! Yes O servants of Allaah! Flattery is a reason for destruction and bears a semblance to the Christians. The *hadeeth* of Abee Moosaa wherein a person was flattered by another man to his face and the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) said "The man has certainly been destroyed or he has broken his back." This is a door to destruction, and every disobedience of Allaah is a reason for destruction so be warned of them so as to be saved and to be successful. A person will not succeed except by clinging to the Qur'aan and *sunnah* of the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*), on the understanding of the *Salaf us-Saalihib*, may Allaah's pleasure be upon them.

May Allaah give success to all those whom he loves and is pleased with, and all praise is due to the Lord of the World.